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1. Shortage of Rails

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- a. Because of the shortage of rails, track construction is progressing very slowly. Rails are available only for new lines or for replacement on main lines where the old rails have become so worn that traffic is endangered.
- b. 10% of every consignment of new rails must be treated as reserve stock and put in store.

2. Double-Tracking

- a. The only line which has been completely double-tracked is Budapest-Székesfehérvár.
- b. On the Debrecen-Nyíregyháza line double-tracking was planned long ago; however, the second track has been completed only in places. The broadening of the foundation which is to take the second track has been completed over the whole stretch.

3. Broad-Gauge Lines

Broad-gauge lines have not yet been introduced into Hungary, but whenever an opportunity has presented itself during track-maintenance work, the foundation has been prepared in such a way that it could take a Soviet broad-gauge line.

4. Modernization of Water Installations

All Hungarian State Railroad water installations are shortly to be modernized at the request of the Soviet authorities who decided on this measure at a joint Soviet-Hungarian-Rumanian-Czech railroad meeting.

5. Experiments with the h11-Type Locomotive

Experiments with the h11-type locomotive have not been a success, and its conversion to oil-burning has been abandoned.

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6. Installation of Crude-Oil Tanks

The following railroad depots have been equipped with crude-oil tanks:

Győr
Pusztaszabolcs
Zákány

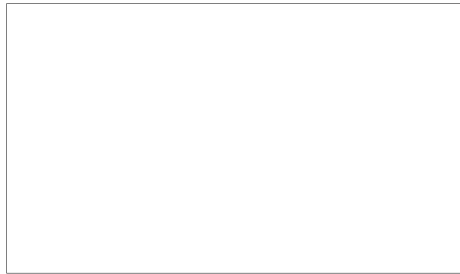
The tanks are of sheet iron and of a capacity of at least 200 cu. m. The pumping and manipulation machinery is installed five meters below ground level.

7. Tank Cars

The Hungarian State Railroads placed an order of 100 two-axled 20-ton tank cars with the Raxwerke in Austria.

8. Ganz Motor Train

A new Ganz motor train is shortly to make a demonstration tour in Yugoslavia, via Zagreb, Rijeka, Sarajevo, and Belgrade.



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